

**[0031]** The present invention is directed to a method and apparatus for editing phone numbers stored in an electronic book of an electronic device. A phonebook editor is provided for modifying a portion, such as an area code, of one or more phone numbers stored in the electronic phonebook. By providing a change criterion, an old area code and a new area code, all the phone numbers stored in the electronic phonebook matching the change criterion having the old area code can be modified to the new area code.